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RESPONSE

SIR:

This is in response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2003, rejecting claims 7,8,10-19 and 47-54 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and 102.. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, and withdrawal of the grounds of rejection .

A Response Transmittal Sheet, a Petition and Fee for a One Month Extension of Time, a Certificate of Mailing, and a Reply Postcard are enclosed .

REMARKS

CLAIMS REJECTIONS – 35 USC§103(a)

Claims 7,8 and 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McHutchison et al. (New England Journal of Medicine, 1998, Vol. 339,